

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee
For Meeting of September 8, 2003

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Syed Rizvi, North Marin Water District
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Mike Bierman, City of Petaluma
Krishna Kumar, Sonoma County Water Agency
Jay Jasperse, Sonoma County Water Agency
Erica Phelps, Sonoma County Water Agency
Pam Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa
Steve Phelps, Marin Municipal Water District
Ron Theisen, Marin Municipal Water District
Pam Nicolai, Marin Municipal Water District
Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District
George Roberts, Forestville
Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati

Public Attendees: Jim Downy, Kenwood/Penngrove Water District
Tom Giansanto, Penngrove
Mike Sessi, Penngrove
H.R. Downs, O.W.L. Foundation
Steve Carle, Penngrove
Jane Nielson, P.E.E.R.
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Don McEnhill, League of Woman Voters
Ton Yarish, Friends of the Gsters
Bob Anderson, United Winegrowers
Jim Flugun, City of Healsburg
Kevin Poter, Property Owner
Lynn Hulme, SCWA
Paul Stutrud, S.S.U.
Jennifer Durkin, City of Santa Rosa

A. Call to Order

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Introductions

The attendees made introductions.

C. Approval of August 4, 2003 Minutes

George Roberts, Forestville Water District, made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa, seconded. All favored.

D. Public Comment

Steve Carle, Penngrove, questioned the possibility of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria receiving groundwater provisions. Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, stated that there was not enough information to answer the question. He also pointed out that Rohnert Park was not represented at this meeting and they may have additional information.

E. Update on Eel River - SCWA

Erica Phelps, SCWA, reported that there was little new to report. She stated that the Court of Appeal decision on the SCWA WSTSP was in May. The presiding trial court Judge has been dismissed per the request of the Friends of the Eel River, putting the process temporarily on hold until a new Judge is appointed. The Agency is going to start on the supplemental WSTSP EIR, but cannot proceed forward until the court hearings. They estimate at least one month before the next hearing will take place.

F. Update on Monthly usage of Water during the month of July, July & August

Krishna Kumar, SCWA, distributed and reviewed a handout, Allocation and Availment of Agency Supply During the Summer Months. He indicated that all contractors are within the provisions of the impairment MOU.

G. Impairment MOU – Proposed Extension

Discussion of the EIR litigation and the projected timeframe for completion took place, resulting in the discussion by the committee regarding whether an extension was needed. Erica Phelps, SCWA, was asked to give a projected timeframe of the actions by SCWA, which might affect whether a MOU extension would be needed. She stated she would send an e-mail, through the WAC secretary, to the Committee members with a projected timeframe. It was decided that the Committee would send a letter to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors asking about whether SCWA wanted to extend the MOU. Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, will draft a letter for review at the next WAC meeting in October.

H. Russian River Diversions Letter (August 11, 2003)

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, reviewed the letter from Randy Poole, SCWA, which reviewed the Russian River Water Supply, as well as requested data from the water contractors. After some discussion, it was decided that Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, would get clarification on the data requested from Mr. Poole. Mr. Ferris has also enlisted the help of Santa Rosa's planning director, Wayne Goldberg. Mr. Ferris will then send the information to the contractors. Once this requested information is clarified the contractors agreed to gather the information and forward to Mr. Poole, per the letter.

I. Water Conservation Program – Emphasis on BMP1

Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati, reviewed a letter that she sent to Miles Ferris, WAC Chair, which explained Cotati's emphasis on BMP 1. She further explained to the Committee that although the City of Cotati intends to implement BMP 5, the current effort has been sifted toward the other BMPs that can be implemented readily.

J. Consider Coordinated Training for Distribution Operator Certification

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, suggested that the contractors share the training efforts among each other, as all contractors are obligated to have Certified Operators. Pam Jeane, SCWA, reported that the Operations Committee already exists that shares information regarding these trainings. She will bring this request to the Operations Committee, which has representatives from all WAC members.

K. Other Business/Public Comments

Brenda Adelman, RRWPC, requested that public comments be included in the minutes.

Steve Carle, Penngrove, requested to have Groundwater Management on the next WAC meeting agenda.

L. Items for the Next Agenda

Update of Eel River, SCWA

Impairment MOU – Proposed Extension Draft Letter to Board

M. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

DISTRIBUTION:

Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Bob Anderson, United Winegrowers
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma
Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa
Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati
Jo Timmsen, Tell the Truth
Janice Cader-Thompson, City of Petaluma
Geoff Cartwright
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water
Noreen Evans, City of Santa Rosa
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Armando Flores, City of Rohnert Park
Jack Gibson, Marin Municipal Water District
Lee Harry, Valley of the Moon Water District
Pam Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa
Bill Massey, Forestville Water District
Matt Mullan, Town of Windsor
Gerry Nakano, West Yost
John Nelson, Water Resources Management
Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency
Steve Phelps, Marin Municipal Water District
Dave Pinsky, City of Santa Rosa
Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency
Syed Rizvi, North Marin Water District
George Roberts, Forestville Water District
Bill Robertson, City of Healdsburg
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Ron Theisen, Marin Municipal Water District
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma

David Keller
Ruth Langridge
Rose Leppert
Robert Brownwood, California Dept. Health Services
Kiergan Pegg, Sonoma County Water Agency
Eve Perezselsky, Sonoma County Water Agency
Krishna Kumar, Sonoma County Water Agency

Dell Tredinnick, City of Santa Rosa
John Wanger, City of Cloverdale
Renee Webber, Sonoma County Water Agency
Pam Nicolai, Marin Municipal Water District
Jay Jasperse, Sonoma County Water Agency
Steve Donley, City of Rohnert Park
Michael Burgess, California Dept of Health Services